

DEAR FCC,

I would like to express my support of Satellite Radio and the difference it has made in my family's life.

On Spetember 11, 2001 I was deployed to a remote location in the United States on a military exercise. Commercial radio reception was very spotty and of the station I could receive, it was automated. Additionally, 90% of the programming was centralized by a corporate broadcasting company and offered next to nothing in local programming. However, the most significant disadvantage I faced was the lack of information. The "local" station I was listening to had no one in the control room to switch to national news or bulletins. While America was under attack, listeners were listening to canned music! I never felt more helpless. Upon my return home, I immediately purchased a satellite radio system and vowed NEVER to be without information, news and weather reports again.

Today, my family and I listen to Satellite Radio 14 or more hours a day. We don't have to worry about reception. When I travel to remote locations, I know I can depend on Satellite Radio to provide me with critical news and information - no matter where I am. Additionally, I don't have to worry about being limited to a single station that has no one "live" to keep me in touch with America.

I strongly support Sattelite Radio and oppose any effort by the National Association of Broadcasters to limit the commercial offerings or any improvements in Satellite Radio service.

Thank You for allowing me to address this important matter.

Respectfully,

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